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Grundzüge des Handels und Verkehrsgeographie. Von Dr. Emil Deckert. Dritte Auflage, pp. 389. Index. Carl Ernst Poeschel. Leipzig, 1903. (Price, 4.20 marks.)

Dr. Deckert's Commercial Geography has established its position as an authoritative book. The first 56 pages are given to the principles underlying the production and handling of commodities. The European countries occupy 186 pages, and other countries are very concisely treated. The United States is covered in 18 pages. The book is a compendium of important facts relating to products, trade, and transportation. Teachers of commercial geography who read German will find the work helpful.

Brasilien und seine Bedeutung für Deutschlands Handel und Industrie. Von Dr. Walther Kundt. pp. 119. Franz Siemenroth, Berlin, 1903.

The central idea of this book is that the German people will derive the greatest advantage in the long run by establishing trade with those newer regions, like the German colonies in Brazil, where German capital and labour may be largely interested in the work of development. In addition, the book is a clear and methodical monograph upon the economic status of Brazil.

Wie rüste ich mich fur die Tropenkolonien aus? Von Ernst Tappenbeck. pp. 56. Wilhelm Süsseroth, Berlin, 1903. (Price, 1 mark.)

Mr. Tappenbeck writes of the equipment required for convenience, comfort, and health during a sojourn in the tropics. He treats the food question with especial fulness; and also offers many suggestions which, though they may relate to small matters, have an important relation to comfort and success, and had better be learned from a book like this than from unpleasant experience. He does not discuss questions of trade or the fitting out of expeditions, as what is adapted for one region may not be for others.

Venezuela und die Deutschen Interessen. Von Dr. Wilhelm Sievers. pp. 107. Angewandte Geographie. Bd. 1, No. 3. Halle a S., 1903. (Price, 2 marks.)

The new periodical devoted to applied geography, or, in other words, to geography in its relation to the progress of human development, has thus far presented papers by Dr. Thomas Lenschau on Ocean Cables, and by Dr. Paul Rohrbach on the Economic Importance of Western Asia. The third number contains Dr.

Sievers' paper on Venezuela. It is gratifying to see that he has distinctly separated his political allusions from his geographical treatment of the subject, for which he is more especially qualified. He gives a third of the book to the geography of Venezuela, a quarter to its products, industry and trade, and the remainder to the people and government. No one is better prepared than Dr. Sievers, who has studied Venezuela on the ground, to give an accurate portrayal of the country in these aspects. It is much to be desired that similar convenient and accurate sources of information for other parts of Latin America be made accessible.

Jahrbuch der Naturwissenschaften, 1902–1903. Eighteenth Year. Edited by Dr. Max Wildermann. pp. xii + 508. Forty-six woodcuts and two small maps. B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., and Freiburg-im-Breisgau, 1903. (Price, $2 net.)

Dr. Wildermann had the assistance of twelve or fifteen specialists of Germany in the preparation of this record of the progress made in a year in the leading sciences and technical pursuits. Dr. Franz Heiderich, of Vienna, tells in 32 pages what was accomplished by explorers and surveyors in all parts of the world. His summary is excellent and thorough, but it is necessarily very concise. Its helpfulness would be increased if reference were given in every case to works in which fuller information is attainable. Anthropology, ethnology, and meteorology are other subjects treated, of especial interest to geographical students.

Die Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika. Von Dr. Otto Hötzsch. 180 pp., 111 illustrations, and a map in colors. Velhagen & Klasing, Bielefeld und Leipzig, 1904. (Price, 4 marks.)

This is a finely-illustrated monograph on the history of the United States. Although the matter is necessarily compressed, the writer has succeeded in conveying sound information, and has closely linked our past with our present, so that the German reader may get a clear idea of the nation as it is and of the influences that have developed it. The book is well indexed.

Köln am Rhein. Von George Hölscher. Hoursch & Bechstedt, Koln a/ Rh., 1902.

A small but quite complete guide-book to Cologne, with many illustrations, plans of principal theatres, an excellent coloured map of the city, and a sketch map of the environs, illustrating half-day and whole-day excursions. The book is fully indexed.